

declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

We ask Your continued protection and empowerment of those who tend to the sick and those who seek medical solutions to this dangerous pandemic.

We thank You for the work of the House these last few days to bring to votes support for the Department of Agriculture. During these times, food production, delivery, and access have been among the many challenges facing our Nation.

Whatever the particulars of this legislation, may it proceed through the legislative process and ultimately redound to the benefit of all Americans.

We ask also Your continued protection and empowerment for those who live heroic lives during this time. Give them strength and perseverance in their service.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING FORMER MAYOR PAUL GAINES, SR.

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Rhode Island legend, the late former mayor of Newport, Paul Gaines, Sr.

At a moment in our Nation's history, when we are again confronting the torment of generations of racial inequality, and collectively working to repair the soul of America, Paul Gaines will be remembered as a trailblazer in the fight for equal justice under the law.

As New England's and Rhode Island's first Black mayor, Mayor Gaines was an inspiration, an educator, a soldier, a mentor, and a change-maker who succeeded in every endeavor by bridging divides and leading with humility and integrity.

When he died last Thursday, at the age of 88, Mayor Gaines left behind an enormous legacy.

As an activist, he spent a decade of his life working to build a memorial to the First Rhode Island Regiment, a Continental Army regiment that is best remembered today for recruiting Black soldiers to serve during the Revolutionary War.

In these recent years, he continued his work to ensuring equality of opportunity regardless of one's race, who they are, or where they came from.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest sympathies to his wife of 61 years, Jo Eva, and to the entire Gaines family.

CELEBRATING ARTHUR ETZLER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. CLOUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, born in Lavaca County, Texas, Arthur Etzler is a native of the 27th Congressional District of Texas. July 2, 2020, is his 100th birthday, but that is not the only thing remarkable about Arthur.

On September 22, 1942, Mr. Etzler pledged his service to the Army's 88th Division, 149th Infantry Regiment, Company H, otherwise known as the Blue Devils, to fight in World War II.

Arthur's service took him across the world. He defended freedom in Morocco, North Africa, Rome. He completed his tour in Germany, where he shared a brief and joyful reunion with his brother, Hubert.

Private Etzler's service did not go unnoticed. His courageous fight in the Po River Valley earned him three Bronze Stars. General George C. Marshall once stated that Mr. Etzler's first division "fought like wildcats."

After his service, Arthur returned stateside to Hallettsville, Texas. There, he found the love of his life, Rosemary, his sweetheart of now nearly 73 years. Together, they built their home in Hallettsville and raised six children.

Arthur's service to others never ceased. His life is marked with decency and strength. Mr. and Mrs. Etzler remain active members of their church and community, where they are known for their dedication and kindheartedness.

Arthur has lived a life that reflects the spirit of this Nation, and for that, we thank him.

Happy birthday, Arthur. God bless.

TIME TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, night after night, young people in Portland, joined by thousands of their neighbors, gathered to demand justice that Black lives matter. Yet, today, thousands are caught in the legacy of Richard Nixon's cynical "War on Drugs." It targeted young, and especially Black people, for selective enforcement. Too many are in jail or prison for nonviolent, often trivial offenses.

Today, over two-thirds of Americans—and the majority of Republicans—think that cannabis should be legal. Let's pass the MORE Act, with many of BARBARA LEE's marijuana justice provisions already approved by the Committee on the Judiciary. Stop discriminatory, selective enforcement. Let's legalize it and stop enforcement all together.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to finally protect young Black Americans from the dangerous, discriminatory, selective enforcement on the War on Drugs. Time to finally legalize marijuana.

CELEBRATING LIFE, LIBERTY, PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS THIS JULY FOURTH

(Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, on July 3, 1776, John Adams expressed his belief that the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be commemorated "with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Well, I actually think we are going to check most of those boxes this July 3 in South Dakota in the beautiful Black Hills, as President Trump is there to watch fireworks over the incredible Mount Rushmore.

Now, I know there is a lot of political unrest in this country. On any given day, there is plenty of political unrest in this Chamber. But July Fourth should be a time for us to come together and celebrate what binds us together: life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H. RES. 1036

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, with that in mind, and to honor a day that unites us as Americans, I ask unanimous consent that the